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1. AT DINNER APRIL 29, GEORGE BUSH GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ABOUT HIS AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH EARLIER THAT DAY.
HE SAID THE SHAH IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN
AFGHANISTAN AND CONSIDERED THE COUP ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE
SOVIET GRAND DESIGN. HE HAD WARNED PRESIDENTS NIXON,
FORD AND CARTER ABOUT AFGHANISTAN; NOW HE SEES THE COUP
AS FURTHER PROOF OF A COMMUNIST DRIVE TO ENCIRCLE IRAN.
HE HAS BECOME UNSURE OF PAKISTAN NOW.

2. AT THE SAME TIME THE SHAH TOLD BUSH OF HIS CONCERN ABOUT
THE PERSIAN GULF STATES, WHICH HE SAID WERE "RUN BY
A BUNCH OF BEDOUINS" WHO HAVE NO PLAN. THEY ARE NO
MATCH FOR THE FORCES DETERMINED TO OVERTHROW THEM. HE
MENTIONED IRAQ AND SYRIA AS REAL MENACES.

3. AT THE SAME DINNER SAVAK CHIEF GENERAL NASSIRI SAID
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HIS INFORMATION INDICATED ISOLATED CENTERS OF MILITARY
RESISTANCE TO THE COUP GROUP CONTINUED, PARTICULARLY
IN HERAT; IN KANDAHAR, WHERE AIR FORCE ELEMENTS
INCLUDING SEVERAL MIG-EQUIPPED UNITS WERE STILL HOLD-
ING OUT; AND IN BAGRAM AIR FORCE BASE, ABOUT TWENTY
MILES NORTH OF KABUL. HE SAID A FORCE OF PARATROOPS
FROM KANDAHAR HAD, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, TAKEN POSITIONS

IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BUT ALL WERE KILLED.
MOST OF THE AIR ATTACKES ON GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN
KABUL WERE BY SU-7 AIRCRAFT.

4. NASSIRI ALSO TOLD ME THAT AS OF THAT TIME HE HAD
NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE DEATHS OF FORMER
PRESIDENT DAOUD AND HIS BROTHER, NAIM, AND THAT
HE HAD HEARD DAOUD'S WIFE AND SON HAD TAKEN REFUGE
IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY.

5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH
THE GOI ON THE BASIS OF KABUL REPORTS.
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